(1) (2)	(3)	(4)
19 Nagaland	2270	2270
20 Orissa	34201	34201
21 Punjab	14730	14730
22 Rajasthan	35821	35821
23 Sikkim	500	500
24 Tamil Nadu	42677	42677
25 Tripura	3874	3768
26 Uttar Pradesh	106059	94680
27 Uttaranchal	6658	6399
28 West Bengal	57540	54203
29 A&N Islands	527	429
30 Chandigarh	300	300
31 Delhi	3902	3842
32 Dadra & N Haveli	138	138
33 Daman & Diu	87	87
34 Lakshadweep	74	74
35 Pondicherry	677	677
ALL INDIA	754773	698672

Committee for Improvement of Education

3280. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed another Committee to aid the cause of education in the country;

(b) if so, whether this Committee is headed by the Prime Minister;

(c) whether the Committee would revive all the existing programmes for universal elementary education and literacy;

(d) if so, the decisions taken at its first meeting; and

(e) whether any concrete programme of action has been planned by this Committee to improve education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) The National Mission for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Mission was constituted on 3rd December, 2004, with the Prime Minister as the Chairman of the Governing Council.

The first meeting of the General Council was held on 21.2.2005, where the members discussed the progress of SSA and shared their views on the promotion of elementary education in the country.

Legislation to Prevent Exploitation of Students

3281. DR. KARAN SINGH:
DR. T SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent court judgment has suggested to the Centre to enact a legislation to prevent exploitation of students as there is lack of regulation to check mushrooming private educational boards conducting all India tests;

(b) if so, whether any judgment sounded warning that situation was grave and required urgent steps by Centre to stop exploitation of students;

(c) if so, whether Government are considering the suggestion; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to enact a legislation to curb exploitation, as pointed out by the court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) A proposal to check mushrooming of private educational boards conducting Secondary & Senior Secondary examinations in the country is under consideration of the Government.